

**FIRST 5 PLACER COUNTY  
CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES COMMISSION (CFC)**

**Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2004**

Shiloh Center  
905 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA.

**AMENDED**

Attendees - Commissioners & Staff:

**Tamara Lieberman**, Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation  
**Harriet White**, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3  
**Raymond Merz**, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services  
**Dr. Richard Burton**, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer  
**Christiana Darlington**, County Counsel  
**Don Ferretti**, CFC Coordinator & HHS Administration  
**Nancy Baggett**, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration  
**Bobbie Reagan**, CFC Administrative Staff, HHS Administration

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

**Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin**, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Director for the CA Institute for Mental Health  
**Mindy Danovaro**, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR

Public Attendees:

**David Gray**, Commissioner Candidate, Placer Institute  
**Blanco Castro**, Commissioner Candidate,  
**Isabel Toro-Buda**, Commissioner Candidate  
**Kevin Burdick**, Commissioner Candidate  
**Francine Nunes**, PCOE Childcare Local Planning Council  
**Susan Fernandes**, PCOE Program Manager, Tahoe  
**Veronica Vasquez**, UCCE-Nutrition Best  
**Sherry Chesney**, Placer County Grand Jury  
**Alice Bothello**, Placer County Grand Jury

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Lieberman at 3:25 p.m.

### **I. Public Comment**

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

Christa Darlington, County Counsel, noted two items for the Commissioners information:

- Four or more Commissioners may attend the upcoming or future CRC meetings. A Brown Act exception allows for Commission members to attend standing committee meetings as long as the meetings are publicly noticed.
- Commissioners do not have to have been present at a previous meeting in order to vote on approval of minutes from that meeting, providing that minutes have been read, *and that the tape has been listened to.*

### **II. Approval of Minutes from meeting held December 12, 2003**

Correction on page 4, Commissioner Reports, Tamara Lieberman, 1st sentence, amended to read, "...Gail Tondettar *and* Alison *Lehman* from Nevada County *sharing* the lead *of the organization.*"

Correction on page 4, Advisory Committee Reports, Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee, 1st sentence, amended to read, "...Susan Fernandes applied to the *Truckee/Tahoe Community Foundation* for a small grant to *purchase* musical *materials.*"

Correction on page 4, Advisory Committee Reports, Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, amended to read, "*A funder* with money."

**Motion to approve the December 12, 2003 meeting minutes with amendments.**  
Burton / Merz / Unanimous

### **III. Commission Action Items**

1. Action to Fill Vacant Commission Seat – Commission members will interview applicants prior to the meeting. Based on these interviews a recommendation will be made to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. If the full Commission approves this recommendation it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their approval, as the Board is the appointing authority.

Christa Darlington, County Counsel provided the Commission with parameter guidelines on proceeding with the interviews.

Commissioners Lieberman, White, and Merz asked questions that were presented to the candidates one at a time with each candidate answering individually.

Don Ferretti, CFC Coordinator presented an overview of the Commissions direction in terms of how the funding process works and the long range plan for future funding.

**Motion to approve recommendation of Blanca Castro to the vacant Commission seat.**

White / Merz VOTE: 3:1

Discussion followed with the Commissioners all agreeing that the four candidates were outstanding. Commissioner Burton suggested that a Commission Action Item be added to the upcoming CRC Meeting Agenda, scheduled for January 12, 2004, to request an approval from the Board of Supervisors increasing the amount of Commission members from seven to nine (pending quorum of four is present at the meeting). Commissioner Merz requested that County Counsel I check into having "alternates" on the Commission.

2. Action to Change the February Commission meeting from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to change the February Commission meeting from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

White / Burton / Unanimous. No discussion followed.

**IV. Commissioner Reports**

Dr. Burton – The county structure would like to convene and sponsor a small leadership forum/healthcare summit in February and Dr. Burton would like the Commission to consider co-sponsoring the event. Don remarked that part of the strategies for the Commission is to support the convening of community groups around issues of importance to children and this event would fall into that category. Dr. Burton stated he would be working directly with Don on planning and would like to have the support of all the Commissioners.

Tamara Lieberman – Provided information about the CWS presentation, which she attended. Very encouraged to see the State utilizing the same fundamentals – systems integration, involving the community and asset based approach.

Very excited about the music proposal that the Community Foundation funded. A donor has provided additional funding for the program giving the Tahoe/Truckee region a chance to effect every child from 0-5 who attends pre-school. It's possible that this program could become a model. If additional money is collected then all the State pre-school teachers, all kindergarten teachers, all day-care providers, and private school

teachers will be able to attend training in music for children, which is based on our sustainability model that trains the teachers and will also allow for continuing the teacher training.

**V. Advisory Committee Reports:**

**Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley**

Kim was not in attendance – Susan Fernandes reported that their previous meeting was a holiday celebration only.

**Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick**

Getta was not in attendance.

**Childcare Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes**

All applications have closed for the Cares program with a total of 253 applicants.

The Local Planning Council is co-sponsoring an event with PCOE and HHS Prevention Services, PCAC Head Start, and First 5. This event will be for Strength Based Approach training for parents, on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Parkside Church of the Nazarene. Every group will do their own advertising notifying their specific groups. Francine thanked the Commission for their support and resources.

**VI. Coordinator Report – Don Ferretti**

- Monday, January 12, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the Community Resource Committee will be having a facilitated meeting taking a first look at the new draft Strategic Plan that the writing team completed on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully all Commissioners will be able to attend since this plan will eventually be presented to the CFC for approval and then implemented.
- Referencing the CWS Re-Design, there is a Pilots to Policy Conference being held on February 4-5, in Glendale, and would encourage the Commissioners, CRC Members and Community Partners to attend. Don mentioned that a lot of the vision, language and the approaches are exactly what Prop. 10 is all about. If anyone would like to go to the conference, CFC will take care of the expenses.
- Increased First 5 Awareness Within Our Community will be the focus of a new community group, which will include Commissioner Danovaro, Lynn Randolph from Rogers & Assoc., and Nicole Artim from Tutor Totter. They will be working on a draft media plan for First 5. The meeting will be on January 22, 2004, at Shiloh, 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all who are interested.
- State First 5 Conference will be held in April on 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Burlingame.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.